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SUBJECT: UK AND FRG CONSULTATIONS WITH HUNGARY

USEEC

1. HIBBERT OF UK TOLD NATO CM'S SEP 9 THAT HUNGARIAN
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OFFICIALS WITH WHOM HE MET DURING HIS CURRENT VISIT (PUJA,
NAGY AND BEREZ) RAISED FOLLOWING PRINCIPLE POINTS:
-- ADVOCACY OF A CONSTRUCTIVE CSCE MEETING IN BELGRADE.
PUJA AND NAGY LAID PARTICULAR STRESS ON IMPLEMENTATION OF
BASKET II AND REITERATED EASTERN COMPLAINTS ABOUT DISCRI-
MINATION BY THE EC, ESPECIALLY QR'S (ITALIAN RESTRIC-
TIONS ON MEAT IMPORTS WERE SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED).

-- NAGY IMPLIED THAT HUNGARY PREFERS THAT THE COMECON-EC NEGOTIATIONS PROCEED SLOWLY. HE INDICATED HIS BELIEF THAT THEIR SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION COULD ONLY RESULT IN INCREASED SOVIET HEGEMONY IN EASTERN EUROPE.

-- BERCZ TALKED AT LENGTH ABOUT EUROCOMMUNISM. HE STATED THE TRADITIONAL HUNGARIAN POSITION ON NATIONAL SOCIALISM, EMPHASIZING THE ONE THING THE GOH CANNOT ALLOW IS EXPRESSION OF ANTI-SOVIET VIEWS. HE ADDED, SIGNIFICANTLY, THAT IN THE LIGHT OF DEVELOPMENTS IN WESTERN EUROPE, TRADITIONAL COMMUNIST THINKING MUST BE MODERNIZED.

-- PUJA AND NAGY BOTH CRITICIZED USG POLICIES ON DISARMAMENT AND EAST-WEST RELATIONS. HUNGARIAN OFFICIALS, WHILE REPEATING SOVIET LINE, DISPLAYED CONCERN THAT DETENTE CONTINUE, SHOWED NO CAPABILITY TO DIVERGE FROM SOVIET POLICY, AND UNDERLINED HUNGARY'S POSITION AS A CAPTIVE OF THE GENERAL STATE OF SOVIET-U.S. RELATIONS.

2. FRG AMBASSADOR BRIEFED ON RECENT VISIT BY STATE MINISTER DOHVANYI, WHO MET WITH PUJA. PUJA DELIVERED THE SOVIET LINE ON U.S.- SOVIET DISARMAMENT TALKS, COMPLAINED THAT THE U.S. POLICY TOWARD EASTERN EUROPE IS NOT YET CLEAR, AND CALLED FOR A CONSTRUCTIVE CSCE. AS WAS THE CASE WITH HIBBERT, DOHVANYI WAS STRUCK WITH THE LACK OF INFORMATION THE HUNGARIAN LEADERSHIP IS
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RECEIVING FROM THE SOVIET LEADERSHIP ON CURRENT POLICY QUESTIONS.

3. THE HUNGARIAN LEADERSHIP WELCOMED BOTH SETS OF CONSULTATIONS FOR BOTH THE INFORMATION IT DERIVED FROM THEM AND BECAUSE THEY AFFORDED AN OPPORTUNITY TO DEAL WITH WESTERN EUROPEAN NATIONS ON A BILATERAL BASIS.
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